

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 6627

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### As Reported by House Committee On: Health Care & Wellness

**Title:** An act relating to authorizing Washington pharmacies to fill prescriptions written by advanced registered nurse practitioners in other states or in certain provinces of Canada.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing Washington pharmacies to fill prescriptions written by advanced registered nurse practitioners in other states or in certain provinces of Canada.

**Sponsors:** Senators Marr, Pflug, Keiser, Benton, Franklin, Fairley, Schoesler, Pridemore, Roach and Parlette.

#### **Brief History:**

##### **Committee Activity:**

Health Care & Wellness: 2/18/10, 2/23/10 [DP].

#### **Brief Summary of Bill**

- Grants prescriptive authority to Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners in other states.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 13 members: Representatives Cody, Chair; Driscoll, Vice Chair; Ericksen, Ranking Minority Member; Bailey, Campbell, Clibborn, Green, Herrera, Hinkle, Kelley, Moeller, Morrell and Pedersen.

**Staff:** Jim Morishima (786-7191).

#### **Background:**

It is unlawful for any person, including a licensed Pharmacist, to sell, deliver, or possess any legend drug (i.e., a drug that may be dispensed by prescription only) except pursuant to a prescription issued by one of the following health care professionals licensed in Washington:

- a Physician;
- a Physician Assistant when authorized by the Medical Quality Assurance Commission;

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- an Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon;
- an Osteopathic Physician Assistant when authorized by the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery;
- an Optometrist;
- a Dentist;
- a Podiatric Physician and Surgeon;
- a Registered Nurse or Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner when authorized by the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission; or
- a Veterinarian.

Additionally, a person may lawfully sell, deliver, or possess a legend drug pursuant to a prescription issued by the following professionals in another state or British Columbia:

- a Physician;
- an Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon;
- a Dentist;
- a Podiatric Physician and Surgeon; or
- a Veterinarian.

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**Summary of Bill:**

A person may lawfully sell, deliver, or possess any legend drug pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner in another state or British Columbia.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

(In support) This is a consumer access to care issue. When consumers go to other states, they sometimes come back to Washington with a prescription from an out-of-state Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner that cannot be filled locally. This bill will ensure that prescriptions from out-of-state Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners will be honored in Washington.

(Opposed) None.

**Persons Testifying:** Tamara Warnke and Louise Kaplan, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners United of Washington State.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.